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1. FOLLOWING REPEAT BRIDGETOWN 0714 ACTION SECSTATE MARCH 20.
2. FOR BRIDGETOWN - PLEASE INCLUDE USINT HAVANA AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON SUBSEQUENT CABLES RELATING TO CUBA.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 0714

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SUBJECT: CUBAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS

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1. FURTHER CHECKS WITH LOCAL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING CBC NEWS, CANA AND THE NEWSPAPERS FAILED TO PRODUCE CONFIRMATION OF ALLEGED REMARKS BY THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR CONCERNING A NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CARIBBEAN. DR. IVAN CEASAR MARTINEZ'S REMARKS WERE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN CUBA AND BARBADOS. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CANA'S YUSIF HANIFF THAT DID NOT APPEAR IN THE LOCAL PRESS, THE CUBAN ENVOY SAID, ACCORDING TO HANIFF'S NOTES QUOTE THE BEST THING FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CARIBBEAN REGION IS TO THINK ABOUT DEVELOPING ITS MANPOWER, AGRICULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES RATHER THAN ABOUT GETTING BLANKET FINANCIAL AID UNQUOTE. HANIFF SAID THAT DR. MARTINEZ DID NOT GO ON TO ADVOCATE ANY NEW CUBAN ROLE IN THE CARIBBEAN.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMATION, CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE PAST OFFERS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BARBADOS,

DOMINICA, ST. KITTS AND ST. VINCENT BUT HAVE NOT FOUND
ANY TAKERS. AS BEST AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THE CUBAN
AMBASSADOR DID NOT BEGIN ANY NEW INITIATIVE IN THAT
DIRECTION WHILE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS IN BARBADOS.
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